



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: February 26, 2015

Subject: Report ACHAC15-006
Art Gallery of Peterborough HVAC and Collection Storage
Upgrades 2015

Purpose

A report to inform the Committee of planned upgrades to the Art Gallery of Peterborough's Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning System (HVAC) and Collection Storage Area.

Recommendation

That the Arts Culture & Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC15-006 dated February 26, 2015, of the Director of Community Services as follows:

That the presentation on the Art Gallery of Peterborough's HVAC and Collection Storage Upgrade by Art Gallery Director, Celeste Scopelites, be received.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report ACHAC15-006.

Background

Last year, the Art Gallery of Peterborough began experiencing challenges with its original Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning system. In particular, staff raised concerns about the facility's ability to maintain relative humidity levels to meet recognized gallery standards. Corporate Services staff responded by allocating funds in the 2015 Capital Budget to replace and upgrade the system.

As planning for the project progressed, it quickly became apparent last fall that the project scope needed to change. The mechanical room that houses the HVAC system is located immediately above the Gallery's Collection Storage Area. The proposed work would result, not only in the loss of temperature and relative humidity controls over several months, but also in the potential migration of dust into the collection storage area.

Project staff agreed that the collection needed to be removed from the building. This created an opportunity to make capital improvements to the Collection Storage Area and to acquire new collection storage systems to consolidate and further improve the collection storage environment. In support of these additional expenses, the Director of Community Services sought approval from the Director of Corporate Services and Chief Administrative Officer to redirect \$200,000 of existing capital funding for Public Art and \$100,000 of existing capital funding for the Municipal Cultural Plan from the Arts Culture & Heritage Division's budget to assist. During its 2015 Budget deliberations, Council also approved the reallocation of an additional \$475,000 in support of this project.

The scope of the project will have a considerable impact on gallery operations. Since the building will be without power and water for several months, staff has arranged to move the gallery to a downtown location while the project is underway.

Gallery Director, Celeste Scopelites, will provide a brief presentation on this timely but critical project.

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